

Chaplain (COL) Micheal A. Hoyt returned to active duty as a Chaplain in June of 1985 following an extensive background of prior service spanning 10 years of active duty and reserve experience. Chaplain Hoyt served as tank platoon leader and company executive officer, operations officer, aide-de-camp, armor SQT author, a counterintelligence and area intelligence chief 11th Special Forces Group, and a battalion chaplain with the 83rd Army Reserve Command.

Chaplain Hoyt is endorsed by the American Baptist Churches of the USA. He holds a BS in History from Murray State University, a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the Army War College. His civilian pastoral experience includes ministry as a hospital chaplain in KY; Chaplain and faculty member for Hargrave Military Academy in VA; and Pastor of Garden Baptist Church in Indiana.

Since returning to active duty, Chaplain Hoyt served as a battalion chaplain with three light infantry battalions, the US Army Airborne School, and the Ranger Training Brigade. He served as a brigade chaplain in the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and the 82d Airborne Division, and as the Plans and Operations chaplain for the XVIII Airborne Corps. After graduating from Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, he became the first chaplain assigned to the Battle Command Training Program (BCTP) to develop the Army Chaplaincy Observer Controller program for Division, Corps, and Joint training. Chaplain Hoyt served as the Division Chaplain for the 10th Mountain Division (Light), the SFOR 6 Multinational Division North Chaplain in Bosnia, and the Deputy Installation Chaplain and Resource Manager for Fort Drum. He served as the United States Army Europe 21st Theater Support Command Chaplain and deployed as the Army Forces Command Chaplain (FWD) in Turkey for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Chaplain Hoyt served 2 years as the Command Chaplain, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army (USAREUR) prior to appointment in June 2006 as the Command Chaplain, Multinational Force-Iraq. During the past twenty years CH Hoyt served as the Pastor for seven military chapel congregations.

Chaplain Hoyt is a graduate of the Armor and Chaplain Officer Basic courses, Chaplain Advanced Course, Combined Arms Service Staff School, Command and General Staff College, Installation and Division Chaplain courses, the Army War College, Airborne, Jumpmaster, Air Assault, Ranger schools. His awards and decorations include: the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal (7), Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal, Master Parachutists badge, Ranger Tab, Air Assault badge, The Honorable Order of Titus, and numerous other service and campaign awards.

Chaplain and Mrs. Judy Hoyt celebrate 33 years of marriage and have three daughters, Anna, Erin and Jennifer. Judy currently resides in Fayetteville, N.C. awaiting Mike's return and further assignment.